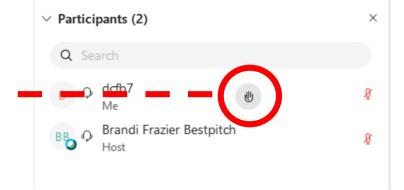
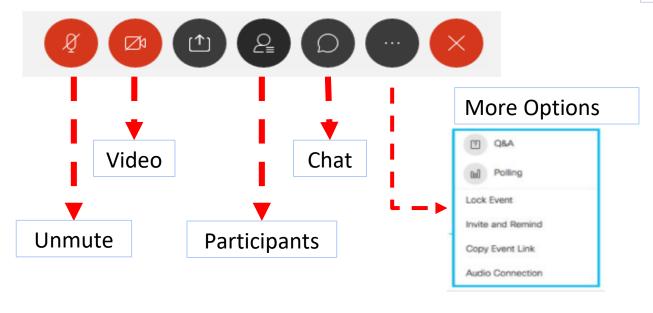
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# Clean Energy Virginia Webinar Series

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Webinars will discuss the Commonwealth's clean energy policies and next steps, with a focus on the following subjects:

- Webinar 1: July 22, 2020 Energy Efficiency
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#### **Presentation Outline**

- I. Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA) overall goals and regulatory changes
- II. Energy efficiency components of VCEA (presenter: Chelsea Harnish, VA Energy Efficiency Council)
- IV. Virginia's use of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds to expand low-income energy efficiency programs for affordable housing (presenter: Erik Johnston, VA Dept. of Housing & Community Development)
- V. Q&A (moderator: Dan Farrell, DMME)





#### Welcome and Introduction

#### Clean Energy Virginia Policy Objectives:

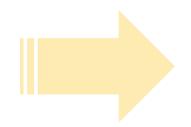
- Transition Virginia's electric grid to 100% carbon-free resources by 2050;
- Significant build-out of clean energy assets that will drive new investment across the Commonwealth;
- Provide the landscape for clean energy businesses to expand or locate in the Commonwealth; and
- Ensure energy equity and environmental justice while providing benefits to historically economically disadvantaged communities.







## State Energy Goals: Executive Order 43



#### 30% by 2030

Produce 30 percent of Virginia's electricity from renewable energy sources by 2030



#### 100% by 2050

Produce 100
percent of
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carbon-free
sources by 2050



#### **Energy Equity**

Achieve energy goals in a just manner that advance social, energy, and environmental equity







# Virginia Clean Economy Act

- Establishes a mandatory renewable portfolio standard (RPS):
  - <u>Dominion Energy</u>: 40% by 2030; 100% by 2045
  - Appalachian Power: 30% by 2030; 100% by 2050
- Establishes a mandatory energy efficiency resource standard (EERS):
  - Dominion Energy: 5% by 2025
  - Appalachian Power: 2% by 2025
- Deems 16,100 MW of solar and onshore wind, 5,200 MW of offshore wind, and 2,700 MW of energy storage in the public interest.









# VCEA – Major Regulatory Changes

- Requires State Corporation Commission (SCC) to consider the social cost of carbon in any application to construct new generating facility.
- The SCC must ensure development of new energy resources or facilities does not have disproportionate adverse impact on historically economically disadvantaged communities (HEDCs).
- Establishes a Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP) for low income households to provide an alternative payment structure.





#### Worker Health & Safety During COVID-19 Pandemic

- <u>Virginia Department of Labor and Industry's</u> Safety and Health Codes Board adopted the first statewide emergency workplace safety standards in the U.S. in response to COVID-19.
- These standards mandate appropriate personal protective equipment, sanitation, social distancing, infectious disease preparedness and response plans, record keeping, training, and hazard communications in workplaces across the Commonwealth.
- Opportunities to innovate new processes and technologies to protect health and safety (e.g. <u>virtual audits and virtual permits</u>)





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## **Audience Poll Question**

What type of organization do you represent?

(Please respond using poll side panel)





### **VCEA - Energy Efficiency Components**

Chelsea Harnish, Executive Director Virginia Energy Efficiency Council (VAEEC)









### **Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS)**

#### What is an EERS?

"An energy efficiency resource standard (EERS) is a quantitative, long-term energy savings target for utilities. Under direction from this policy, utilities must procure a percentage of their future energy needs using energy efficiency measures, typically equal to a specific percentage of their load or projected load growth."

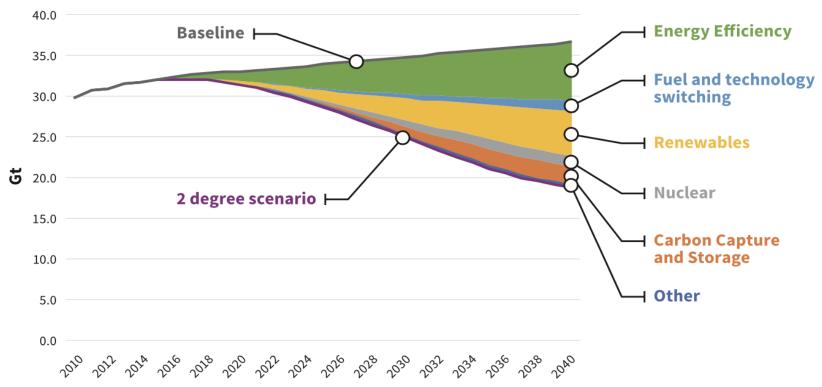
Source: American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (<u>www.ACEEE.org</u>)





### **Energy Efficiency is Key to Carbon-Free**

Figure 4. IEA Global Energy Outlook emissions scenario with temperature increase limited to 2 degrees



Source: ACEEE graph using data from International Energy Agency (IEA). <u>www.aceee.org/sites/default/files/publications/researchreports/u1604.pdf</u>





#### **VCEA Structure for EERS**

Year	Appalachian Power Co. ("Phase I electric utility")	Dominion Energy ("Phase II electric utility")
2022	0.5%	1.25%
2023	1.0%	2.50%
2024	1.5%	3.75%
2025	2.0%	5.00%

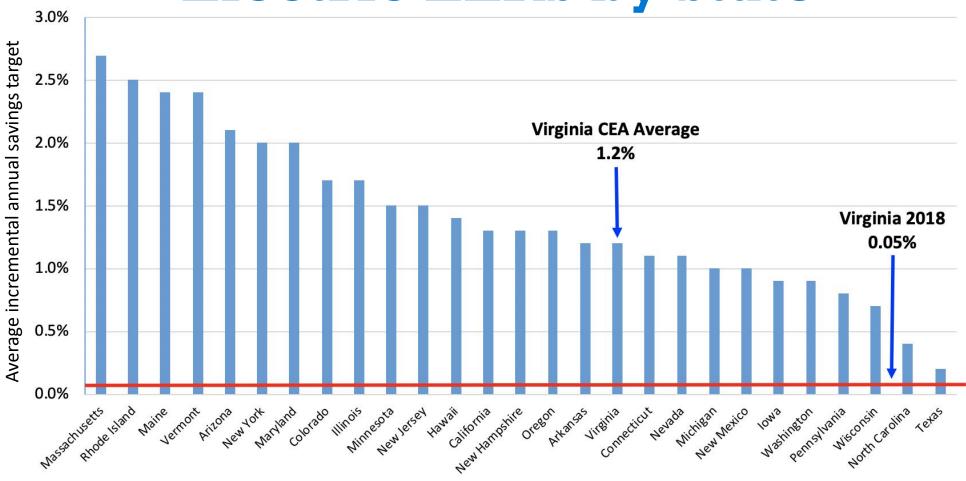
\*Savings are total annual savings achieved by utility programs, calculated against 2019 average annual retail sales baseline

Starting in 2026, State Corporation Commission (SCC) to generate new annual savings targets for each successive three-year period





## **Electric EERS by State**



Source: ACEEE







#### **VCEA Provides New Business Opportunities**

- EERS savings requirements will compel utilities to better target and diversify energy efficiency program portfolios
- Regulatory changes streamline SCC program approval process
- Get engaged with utility energy efficiency working groups. Email facilitator Ted Kniker if interested: <a href="mailto:ted.kniker@ipa-llc.org">ted.kniker@ipa-llc.org</a>
- 50% of revenues generated by Virginia's participation in RGGI to Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) lowincome housing energy efficiency programs





# Specific New Program Opportunities

- 1. Expanded programs for households and businesses (includes 500 kW to 1 MW customers)
- 2. Large industrial customers (>1 MW) must demonstrate effective internal EE programs before opt-out; new partnerships/savings opportunities
- 3. Pilot programs considered in the public interest if:
  - Program is of limited scope, cost and duration
  - Intended to determine whether a new program would be cost effective.
  - Could be used to test innovations (e.g. industrial customers)





#### Addressing Energy System Impacts on HEDCs

In Virginia, low-income households face higher-than-national-average energy burdens\*.

The VCEA will help reduce these burdens by:

- 1. Increasing funding for utility low-income energy efficiency programs from 5% to 15%
- 2. Requiring DMME to evaluate additional burdens imposed on HEDCs by components of the VCEA that move Virginia to 100% carbon-free

\* For more information on energy burden, please visit: <a href="https://vplc.org/affordable-clean-energy-project">https://vplc.org/affordable-clean-energy-project</a>





## **Workforce Development**

2 or 4 Year degree Preferred or Required: **No** 

#### Certifications Preferred or Required: Yes

- Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), Certified Energy Manager (CEM)
- Building Performance Institute (BPI), Energy Auditor
- American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Building Energy Assessment Professional (BEAP)

#### Virginia Workforce Resources:

- <u>Virginia Energy Workforce Consortium</u> (VEWC) Building tomorrow's workforce needs in the energy sector
- <u>Weatherization Training Centers</u> Train energy professionals to create healthier, safer, more energy-efficient living and working environments





## **Audience Poll Question**

Would you like to receive more information about incentives for clean energy businesses in Virginia?

(Please respond using poll side panel)





# RGGI Participation & Affordable Housing Investment in Virginia

Erik Johnston, Director

Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD)









#### What is RGGI?

- The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is the first mandatory marketbased program in the United States to cap and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Virginia's CO2 Budget Trading Program regulation became effective on July 1
- Virginia is in the process of joining RGGI; on January 1, 2021, Virginia will become a full participant in RGGI
- Power producers must purchase emissions allowances through the RGGI auctions and Virginia will begin to receive proceeds from the RGGI auction in the first quarter of 2021 (<a href="www.rggi.org">www.rggi.org</a>)





## Low-income Energy Efficiency Programs

- 1.50 percent of RGGI proceeds will be directed to DHCD for affordable housing programs (per SB 1027/HB 981)
- 2. Administration's Goals for RGGI Investments
  - Deep energy retrofits (exceeding code) that complement existing state affordable housing construction and rehabilitation to ensure lowest income populations benefit from long-term cost savings
  - Incorporate innovative approaches
  - Prioritize long-term sustainability/durability and occupant health (e.g. ventilation) as well as energy efficiency







#### **COVID-19: Community Impact & Housing Market Challenges**

- Housing market has multiple challenges with COVID-19 and economic disruption
- Focus is now on avoiding evictions and stabilizing housing market - Governor Northam announced Rent and Mortgage Relief Program (RMRP) on June 26
- For RMRP eligibility, visit <a href="mailto:dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility">dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility</a> or call 211 VIRGINIA by dialing 2-1-1 from your phone





## **RGGI Implementation Process**

- DHCD will begin stakeholder process in Fall 2020 for public input on how RGGI investments will be used for energy efficiency investments in affordable housing
- For more information, or to get involved in DHCD's stakeholder workgroup: <a href="http://dhcd.virginia.gov/rggi">http://dhcd.virginia.gov/rggi</a>





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